

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

November 12, 2003

Re: application of

PAYTON, Kevin L.

Serial No.

09/833,898

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April 12, 2001

For

**SKELETAL TRANSMUCOSAL ORTHODONTIC  
PLATE AND METHOD**

Examiner

Wilson, John J.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant files a Request for Continued Examination.

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, applicant submits this Amendment and requests an extension of time to respond, until November 14, 2003.

The applicant's fee for the one month extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1, 4, 7, 11 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic system for use as a bone anchor in conjunction with orthodontic appliances to treat malalignment of teeth, said orthodontic system